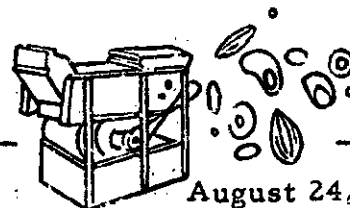


# Seed Crops

TIMOTHY SEED FORECAST



August 24, 1967

## Timothy Seed Crop 21 Percent Below Last Year

The 1967 production of timothy seed is forecast at 27,709,000 pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 21 percent less than last year's revised estimate of 34,966,000 pounds, but 7 percent above the 1961-65 average.

Acreage harvested for seed this year is estimated at 182,000 acres, 18 percent below last year but 3 percent above average. The national yield at 152 pounds per acre is 6 pounds less than last year's yield of 158 pounds, but 6 pounds above average.

Production is below last year in all States except Pennsylvania and Indiana. In Minnesota, the leading timothy seed producer, a 10 percent reduction in acreage, coupled with a 30 pound decrease in yield, accounts for only one-half of the decrease in U.S. production. Production in Missouri is 34 percent below 1966 because of a lower acreage harvested.

Harvesting generally began later than in 1966 in all States as average date of harvest ranged from about the same in Illinois to nine days later in Wisconsin. Average dates on which harvest began this year were: July 28 in Illinois, August 1 in Missouri, August 4 in Indiana and Iowa, August 5 in Ohio, August 8 in Pennsylvania, August 12 in Minnesota, and August 14 in Wisconsin.

Imports of timothy seed during the year ended June 30, 1967 totaled 2,888,400 pounds -- 2,887,100 from Canada, 100 from Japan and 1,200 from the Netherlands. This compares with the total of 328,000 pounds a year earlier and the five-year average of 1,066,160 pounds. There were 105,100 pounds of timothy seed imported during July 1967 compared with 80,000 pounds during July 1966. Exports during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1967 totaled 1,488,743 pounds, compared with 6,348,914 pounds for the year ended June 30, 1966.

Carryover of old-crop seed on June 30 this year was 18,731,000 pounds (14,330,000 by dealers and 4,401,000 by growers), 81 percent more than last year's carryover of 10,330,000 pounds, and 62 percent above average. The initial supply (1967 production plus carryover) is indicated at 46,440,000 pounds, up 3 percent from last year's total of 45,296,000 pounds and 24 percent above average.

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TIMOTHY SEED: Acreage harvested, yield per acre, and production,  
 average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

State	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production (clean seed)		
	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indi- cated 1967	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indi- cated 1967	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indi- cated 1967
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Pa. ....	5,100	7,000	8,500	114	120	115	584	840	978
Ohio ...	30,600	36,000	32,000	144	130	140	4,414	4,680	4,480
Ind. ...	8,300	7,500	8,500	122	105	130	1,012	788	1,105
ILL. ...	7,500	7,000	5,500	137	140	145	1,025	980	798
Wis. ...	6,400	5,500	5,000	114	125	130	723	688	650
Minn. ...	37,600	82,000	74,000	164	200	170	6,361	16,400	12,580
Iowa ...	13,200	11,000	8,500	150	165	155	1,990	1,815	1,318
Mo. ....	67,400	65,000	40,000	144	135	145	9,832	8,775	5,800
U. S. .:	176,100	221,000	182,000	146	158	152	25,942	34,966	27,709

1/ Revised.

TIMOTHY SEED SUPPLY: United States Average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

Item	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indicated 1967
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Production .....	25,942	34,966	27,709
Farm carryover .....	3,272	1,338	4,401
Dealer carryover .....	8,285	8,992	14,330
Supply (production plus carryover)	37,499	45,296	46,440

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